

Estriol - Main

Estriol - Tablet (Dogs)

Trade Names:

Incurin® Tablets

ESTRIOL

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This drug is a hormone that primarily used in dogs to help increase and maintain muscle tone of the urethra or lower urinary tract thereby improving urinary control. Estriol is available as a tablet.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A naturally occurring and short-acting estrogen

Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

To treat hormone responsive urinary incontinence in spayed female dogs

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

This medication is not intended for female dogs that are not spayed or less than 1 year of age

This medication should not be used in pregnant or nursing females

This medication is not intended for male dogs

This medication should be used with caution in pets with a history of liver disease

This medication should not be used in animals that have a history of increased drinking and urination (polyuria and polydipsia)

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this drug should not take this medication

DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food.

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses may reduce the effectiveness of therapy. This medication may be a life long medication.

The frequency and length of use of this medication depends upon the condition being treated and your dog's response to treatment. Dose adjustments may be made based upon an assessment of how your pet is responding clinically. The dose is commonly tapered as one of the goals of treatment is to find the lowest effective dose.

Baseline blood work and urinalysis may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this drug.

Periodic blood work and urinalysis to monitor estrogens effect on the body is also advised as long-term therapy may be required.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give this medication at the same time(s) daily.

WHAT IF A DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not give two doses at the same time.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK A VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

When your pet will need to be rechecked

What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug

What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products

If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever

If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever

If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever

All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medications can be given together.

If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Estriol should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Estriol should not be handled by women that are nursing, pregnant or trying to become pregnant or at minimum, use with caution and wash hands well after handling the medication.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing lack of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea

This medication can affect the reproductive system in females causing a swollen vulva, vaginal inflammation, vaginal bleeding and enlarged mammary glands

This medication can cause hair loss (alopecia), lethargy and an increase in seizures

This medication can affect the bone marrow resulting in changes to circulating blood cells

Due to its short duration of action, Estriol has a low risk for bone marrow toxicity or bone marrow suppression compared to other estrogen products

If you notice any of these symptoms, anything unusual, or if your pet's condition worsens contact your veterinarian

This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER DRUGS?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving Estriol in conjunction with cimetidine, clarithromycin, corticosteroids, other estrogen products such as diethylstilbestrol, ketoconazole, phenobarbital, rifampin and thyroid medications

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Estriol

Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian

If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet receives more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, Estriol should only be given to the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed.

This is just a summary of information about Estriol. If you have any questions or concerns about estrogen products or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.